Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Orville Ackerman and Alvina Heiser exchanged their wedding vows on October 2, 1955, at the Hoffnunsthal Church west of Eureka, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Orville and Alvina have given life and love to four children: Karen, Shelly, Kevin, and Scott, and have been blessed with seven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Orville and Alvina have resided 12 miles north of Java all their married lives where they have operated a dairy and grain farm, and now that they are nearly retired, continue to put up hay each summer for a hay sale; and,

Whereas, Orville and Alvina have enjoyed their work in the hay field, they eat popcorn and ice cream every evening, and they are members of the Herreid Baptist Church. Orville enjoys reading western books and Alvina spends her leisure time crafting and shopping; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2005, as

ORVILLE AND ALVINA ACKERMAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State